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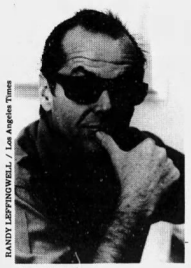

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Jack Nicholson . . . a Dylan thank-you note?

only airing a sanitized version of the clip, trimming the explicit newscaster commentary about warning-sticker legislation. MTV often edits clips (especially ones with lots of dialogue), but you had to wonder whether the video channel got cold feet about airing a thinly-veiled attack on rock's new morality crusade.

MVT insists that no censorship was involved. "The editing has nothing to do with content," a spokeswoman said. "It's been running both with and without the ending, depending on the configuration of the hour that it's scheduled for." However, CBS execs insist that the video channel has promised to run the clip in its entirety, but only after complaints from the record label and the band's management. "MTV acknowledged to us that we had made some very persuasive arguments," a CBS spokesman said. "And they've now informed us that rather than play the edited version, which we felt altered the meaning of the clip, that they'll take pains to play it in its entirety." (Quiet Riot's new album, "QR III," is reviewed on Page 90.)

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ON THE TOWN: The Thunder Road Club in Pasadena (which features all-Boss dance tunes) will auction off several personally-autographed Bruce Springsteen albums this Thursday night as part of the club's benefit for the Oldtimers Steelworkers Foundation, a favorite Springsteen charity that is being evicted from its Huntington Park headquarters. The club's $5 attendance fee for the festivities this week will also be donated to the Foundation. . . . And you may have seen battles of the bands—but what about a "Battle of the Macho Poets"? The pugilistic poets will be at the Roxy Monday night at 8 p.m., and the center ring will feature such pugnacious talents as Black Flag's Henry Rollins, X's John Doe and Dave Alvin, the Minutemen's Mike Watt and essayist Richard Meltzer.

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BELIEVE IT OR DON'T DEPT.: There are far too many rock stars who are unable to resist the temptation of turning the back of their album jacket into an oversized greeting card, thanking all of their many sidemen, gurus and makeup artists. But when Bob Dylan rolls out the red carpet, it's always intriguing to see who's made the Great One's guest list. Here's a partial list of the dozens of folks who rated a "special thanks" on Dylan's new "Knocked Out Loaded" album (see Record Rack, Page 90). They include: (pitchers) Sid Fernandez and Steve Howe; (actors) Jack Nicholson, Harry Dean Stanton and Martin Sheen; (hoopster) Bill Walton; (film makers) Alan Rudolph and Michael Mann; (pop moguls) David Geffen and Ahmet Ehrtegun; (eateries) Zucky's and the Stage Deli; (pop stars) Lou Reed, Chrissie Hynde, Randy Newman and Kim Wilson; and a pair of mysterious pals, Gal Shaped Just Like a Frog and Baby Boo-Boo.

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AND NOW HERE'S THE NEWS: The Nuns, San Francisco's contribution to the '70s punk explosion, have re-formed and released a new album, "Rumania," which is due out next month on PVC Records. The group, which features songstress Jennifer Miro, will head out on tour later this fall. . . . The members of the Jon Butcher Axis are suing their former manager, Noel Love, for $3 million in damages, claiming Love collected more than $800,000 in earnings the group received. The group's complaint, filed in Superior Court of Massachusetts, also charges that the band was "menacingly confronted by hoodlums" who they say forced them to sign papers extending Love's contract and increasing his commission rate. . . . And Archives Alive, the Michael Ochs-headed custom label that recently brought us a collection of unreleased Phil Ochs songs, has another new record in the stores. The Rhino Records-distributed company has just released "Get Right with the Swan Silvertones," a collection of classic performances by the influential gospel group. □

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TODAY

JACKIE MASON (Las Palmas Theatre, 1642 N. Las Palmas Ave., (213) 466-1767, 3 p.m.). Wed.-Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m.

CLUBS/THEATERS

AT THE CALIFORNIAN (7121 Reseda Blvd., Reseda, (818) 708-0555). "Make Me Laugh," with Bobby Machamara, Fri.-Sat.

BERT'S DELI SMOKER (14513 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, (818) 990-8650). Richard Grossman, Wed., 7:30 p.m.

CALIFORNIA 2001 CLUB (7121 Reseda Blvd., Reseda, (818) 708-0555). Stand-up comedy, Thur.-Sat.

CARLOS 'N' CHARLIE'S (8240 Sunset Blvd., (213) 656-8830). Short Ribs, improv/sketch comedy, Wed., 8:30 p.m.

CHINA TRADER (4200 Riverside Drive, Burbank, (818) 842-5460. Mice, improv, Fri.-Sat., 9 p.m.

COMEDY AND MAGIC CLUB (1018 Hermosa Ave., Hermosa Beach, (213) 372-2628). Unkown Comic, Scott Cervine, Ellen Degeneres, today; Roger and Roger, Tue.-next Sun.

COMEDY STORE (8433 Sunset Blvd., (213) 656-6225). Main Room: Comedy Store Playhouse, Mon., 8 p.m., The Best of the Comedy Store, Wed.-Thur. 9 p.m., Fri. and Sat., 9 and 11:30 p.m. Original Room: Pot Luck, Mon., 8 p.m. Continuous stand-up comedy, today, Tue.-Fri., 7:30 p.m., Sat., 9 and 11:30 p.m.; Belly Room: comedy, Sat., 9:30 p.m.

ED WYNN COMEDY LOUNGE (Variety Arts Center, 940 S. Figueroa St., (213) 623-9100). Stand-up comedy, Thur.-Sat., 10 p.m.

GIO'S (7574 Sunset Blvd., (213) 876-1120). Special Events, Mon.-Tue., Mice Comedy-Improvisation, Wed.-Thur., 9 p.m.; the Laff Affair, Thur., 8:30 p.m. "Portraits," Fri.-Sat., 8:30 p.m.

GROUNDLINGS THEATER (7307 Melrose Ave., (213) 934-9700). "The All New Unsifted Show!" Sunday supplement improv show, today, 7:30 p.m.; "Groundlings a Go-Go," Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 8 and 10 p.m. "Late Show," Fri., 10 p.m.

ICE HOUSE (24 N. Mentor Ave., Pasadena, (818) 577-1894). The Best or the All-Star Variety Night, Mon., 8 p.m.; Steve Bluestein, Tom Ogden, Peter Gaulke, Tue.-Sat., 8:30 p.m. Additional 10:30 p.m. show Fri.-Sat.

IGBY'S (11637 Tennessee Place, West Los Angeles, (213) 477-3553). Stand-up comedy workshop with Judy Carter, Mon., 7 p.m.; Discovery Night, Celebrity Comedy Workout, today, Tue.-Thur. 8:30 p.m.; Ritch Snyder, the Riot Act, Wed.-Thur., Sat. 8:30 p.m. Additional 10:45 shows on Thur., Sat. 9:30 p.m. show on Fri.

IMPROVISATION (8162 Melrose Ave., (213) 651-2583). Audition Night (7 p.m.), stand-up comedy, today, 9 p.m., Off the Wall, improv, Mon., 9 p.m.; continuous stand-up comedy, Tue.-Thur. 8:30 p.m., Fri. 8 and 10:45 p.m., Sat. 7:30, 9:45 and 11:30 p.m.

L.A. CABARET (17271 Ventura Blvd., Encino, (818) 501-3737). Comedy Showcase, today, 8:30 p.m.; Stand-up comedy show, Tue., Thur., 8:30 p.m.; Gary Muldeer, Wed.; Bird and McDonald, Thur.; Superstar Comedy, Fri.-Sat., 8:30 and 10:30 p.m.

L.A. CONNECTION THEATER (13442 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks, (818) 784-1888). Maureen Murphy, Wed.; Friday Night West Coast Comedy, Fri., 9, 10:30 p.m.; New Talent Review, Fri.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.; L.A. Connection All-Stars, Sat., 9, 10:30 p.m.

LAUGH FACTORY (8001 Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood, (213) 656-1336). Laugh Factory Ensemble, Wed., 8:30 p.m.

LHASA CLUB (1110 N. Hudson St., (213) 461-7284). Ed Solomon, Ryan Rowe, Kevin Nixon, Chad McCann, Zero Family, Susan Moore, Wed.

LITTLE J'S (1119 S. Olive St., (213) 748-3648). Comedy night, Mon., 8:30 p.m.

MELROSE THEATRE (733 N. Seward Ave., (213) 851-3771). Funny You Should Ask, improv, Sat.

MONDRIAN (8440 Sunset Blvd., (213) 650-8999). Skip E. Lowe's Talent Showcase, today-Mon.

MONTY'S (1100 Glendon Ave., Westwood, (213) 208-8787). Avenue of Comedy, Mon., 9 p.m.

POWERHOUSE (3116 2nd St., Santa Monica, (213) 392-6529). Spontaneous Combustion, Sat., 10:30 p.m.

ROSEY'S (3200 Rosemead Blvd., El Monte, (818) 572-7144). Stand-up comedy, Mon.-Wed., 9 p.m.

STORMY WEATHER CAFE (Inner City Cultural Center, 1308 S. New Hampshire Ave., (213) 387-1161). Showcase, Fri.-Sat., 10 p.m.

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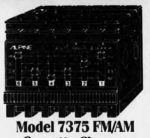

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